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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Legislative Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM:
Director of Security

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SUBJECT: H.R. 4681 - "Federal Polygraph Limitation and
Anti-Censorship Act of 1984"

REFERENCE: Memorandum from OLL dated 10 February 1984,
OLL 84-0592, Subject: H.R.4681- "Federal
Polygraph Limitation and Anti-Censorship Act
of 1984"

With regard to your requests for comments regarding H.R.
4681, the Office of Security offers two observations:

A. First, Section 6 of H.R. 4681 exempts only
"employees" of CIA and NSA from the provision of the Bill. It
should be noted that a literal interpretation of Section 6
would allow only Staff Employees of this Agency to participate
in the CIA Polygraph Program. This exemption of H.R. 4681
would not allow CIA to include Military Detailees, Contract
Employees and other classes of non-staff individuals who would
enjoy staff-like access to CIA facilities and classified
information. Additionally, the exemption would appear to
exclude contractor's employees from participating in the CIA
Industrial Polygraph Program. The Office of Security would
prefer the addition of language in Section 6 which would allow
an exemption to CIA Staff Employees and non-staff employees
(including contractor's employees) who will have staff-like
access to either CIA facilities or classified information.

B. Second, the section of the Bill entitled "Findings"
contains language that contradicts this Agency's experience
with the polygraph and appears to inaccurately paraphrase the
Office of Technology Assessment's November 1983 polygraph
study. Specifically, subparagraph (1) of H.R. 4681 states
that, there is no scientific evidence to demonstrate the
validity of polygraph testing for screening purposes.
Subparagraph (2) states that the use of the polygraph for

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screening purposes will result in large numbers of people being labelled as "false positives". Neither of these assertions is supported by Office of Security statistics. Furthermore, the Office of Technology Assessment report does not make such a sweeping statement. The OTA study does reflect that there have been no widely-accepted scientific studies of the polygraph which categorically assert that the polygraph is invalid.

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